

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, STATE OF TEXAS, }
AUSTIN, June 3, 1873. }

Hon. E. B. Pickett, President of the Senate of the State of Texas:

SIR: I herewith return to the Senate, in which it originated, Senate bill No. 360, entitled "An act to establish, organize and define the powers of the Criminal District Court in and for the cities of Dallas, McKinney and Sherman."

I am satisfied that the creation of this court is unnecessary. There are sufficient judicial districts, and more than sufficient already created within the State, to do all the civil and criminal business, if the districts are properly distributed among the counties. There is no reason to believe that there is such excess of business in any of the counties of the three districts affected by this act, as

would warrant an extra judge to attend to the criminal business. If such excess of business does in fact exist, the districts where it exists should be reduced in size by attaching parts of them to other districts, where such excess does not exist.

Instead of increasing the judicial districts, which this act practically does, we might very well reduce the number, and save expense, by an act judiciously arranged, so as not to raise constitutional questions.

I therefore recommend that the act be reconsidered.

Very respectfully,

EDMUND J. DAVIS, Governor.